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CORN BELT ENERGY)
CORPORATION.)
An Illinois not-for-profit corporation)
and)
ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY, an Illinois)
Corporation, d/b/a AMEREN IP.)

CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE
DOCKET NO: 05-0696

**JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL
OF REQUEST TO SERVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 7
OF THE SERVICE AREA AGREEMENTS DATED OCTOBER 21, 1970
AND MARCH 9, 1973 BETWEEN CORN BELT ENERGY CORPORATION
AND ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY D/B/A AMEREN IP**

CORN BELT ENERGY CORPORATION, ("CORN BELT"), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation and ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY d/b/a as AmerenIP ("AmerenIP"), hereby file this Joint Petition with the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 7 of the Service Area Agreements ("SAAs"), dated October 21, 1970 and March 9, 1973 and approved by the Commission by Order entered in Docket Nos. ESA 136 (Order entered April 7, 1971) and ESA 156 (Order entered August 22, 1973), and, in support thereof, state as follows:

1. CORN BELT and AmerenIP are both electric suppliers subject to the jurisdiction of the Electric Supplier Act (220 ILCS 30/1 et seq).

2. On October 21, 1970, Illinois Valley Electric Corporation and Illinois Power Company entered into a Service Area Agreement that was approved by the Commission on April 7, 1971, in Docket No. ESA 136. On March 9, 1973, Corn Belt Electric Cooperative and Illinois Power Company entered into a Service Area Agreement that was approved by the Commission on August 22, 1973, in Docket No. ESA 156. On

January 1, 1999, Corn Belt Electric Cooperative and Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative merged to form Corn Belt Energy Corporation.

3. Section 7 of both SAAs provides as follows:

Section 7. If either party should request the other to furnish electric service to a customer who the requesting party is entitled to serve by reason of this Agreement and the other party does render such service, this Agreement shall not be voided but shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

4. Attached hereto as Joint Petition Exhibit A is a Request for Service from Rollyn Kuntz, a customer located in the service area of AmerenIP, as established by the SAAs. The Request for Service asks AmerenIP to request service to the premises from CORN BELT, pursuant to Section 7 of the SAAs. AmerenIP has requested that CORN BELT provide, and CORN BELT has agreed to provide service to the premises, without AmerenIP foregoing its rights, future or otherwise, to serve as allowed under the SAA. A copy of the Request for Service from AmerenIP to CORN BELT is attached hereto as Joint Petition Exhibit B .

5. Approval of the Request for Service pursuant to Section 7 of the SAA will tend to increase the efficiency of the Joint Petitioners in rendering electric service to the public and will avoid duplication of facilities and minimize disputes in accordance with the public policy established by Section 2 of the ESA (220 ILCS 30/2).

6. The Request for Service pursuant to Section 7 of the SAA is reasonable and in the public interest and should be approved by the Commission.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioners pray that the Request for Service pursuant to Section 7 of the SAA is reasonable and in the public interest and should be approved by the Commission.

Corn Belt Energy Corporation

AmerenIP

By:

Jeffrey D. Reeves
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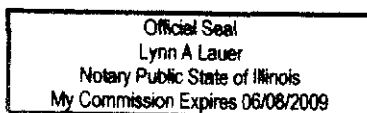
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State of Illinois)
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County of McLean)

I Jeffrey D. Reeves, as *President/Manager for Corn Belt Energy Corporation* have read the foregoing Joint Petition filed in the above cause and know the content thereof and the same is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Jeffrey D. Reeves
Jeffrey D. Reeves

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of September, 2005.



Lynn A. Lauer
Notary Public

State of Illinois)
)ss
County of Sangamon)

I, Jon R. Carls, *Managing Supervisor, Regulatory Compliance for Ameren Services*, have read the foregoing Joint Petition filed in the above cause and know the content thereof and the same is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Jon R. Carls
JON R. CARLS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of November, 2005.

Cindy Stocker
OFFICIAL SEAL
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NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
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